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Support Our Veterans

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America supports its troops, and so does Saint Leo. The Office of Military Affairs and Services hosted a Military Recognition Event on Nov. 4 on the University campus from 11 AM to 2 PM. The event revolved around recognizing and giving appreciation to current service men and women and veterans and helped to bring awareness to the programs available to retired service men and women.

There were several booths spread out on the field, including the Florida National Guard, CareerSource, which provided information about the Student ROTC program at the University, and a booth on Social Work. There was also a truck from the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, or FDVA. In addition to the informative booths, there was also a tent stocked with refreshments for attendees. This event is one of several geared towards the celebration of Veterans, all leading up to Veterans' Day on Nov. 11.

CareerSource is a disabled veterans outreach program located in Dade City that helps to provide jobs and rehabilitation for disabled veterans. Julie Hayes, a disabled veterans outreach program specialist and a United States Navy veteran herself, was invited to represent this program and to speak about the event's importance. She

explained that it is always important to recognize both current service men and women and veterans, particularly disabled veterans. Hayes also spoke about her experience serving in the United States Navy for four and a half years.

"I enjoyed it actually. You might hear different opinions from others, but I enjoyed it. I got a well-rounded experience in the service. I got to see a little bit of everything, just not the world," Hayes said.

She also spoke briefly about the differences between women and men's service in the time she served to now. She expressed that in the time that she served from 1992 to 1996, women were just being transferred into combat roles.

"I am sure in the 20 years since

I have been out they've made that transition a little bit better. I don't think there are as many difficulties as there were now," added Hayes.

The Social Work program also had a booth at the event. Dr. Veronika Ospina-Kammerer, associate professor of social work at the University, discussed the importance of therapy for veterans, being involved in social community activities, and walking meditation. She reminded guests about the rock garden located on the campus, which was created and put in by the social work program for the purpose of meditation. She expressed that this meditative exercise may not only be beneficial to veterans but to students and faculty as well.

John Morgan, president of the

student veterans association and a veteran of 23 years, discussed his experience and service in the military and the importance of the event. Morgan is a retired United States Army veteran who has served in Iraq twice, as well as in Bosnia. His experience was both rewarding and challenging, and it was an honor and privilege to serve his country.

"Even though this country is not perfect, out of all of the places I have been, this is the best country in the world," said Morgan.

Morgan commended Saint Leo for being such a military-friendly campus and for hosting events such as these that honor military veterans. Veterans programs are helpful to those who struggle with socialization issues, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and it is important for those veterans to be part of a safe community. Morgan has also become a mentor to many in Saint Leo's ROTC program.

"It is the honor and the brotherhood that's important. We will always have that brotherhood, whether it is the Army, the Navy, or Marine Corps, we all took the same oath," said Morgan.

Members of the Florida National Guard and other military service programs were able to provide prospective enlistees with information on the program of their choice. The event was not overly filled but progressed successfully. Similar events honoring current troops and veterans will be taking place on campus as Veteran's Day approaches.



Photo by Chloe-Ana Braidy

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs was created in 1988 to improve upon disabled veterans' quality of life and increase their federal benefits.

Celebrating the Dead

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Nov. 2 marks a day of celebration in the Mexican culture. "Día de Los Muertos," or "The Day of the Dead," is a special holiday that unites both the living and the dead. This year, the Spanish club gathered outside the Student Community Center to spread cultural awareness about this tradition to the students and staff of Saint Leo.

In the central and southern parts of Mexico, the Day of the Dead gives families a chance to honor their deceased relatives. It is not coincidental that the holiday coincides with the Catholic holidays "All Soul's Day" and "All Saint's Day," which are days set aside to honor the dead and the Saints respectively.

According to Dr. Marcela Van Olphen, an associate professor of Spanish and Portuguese and the advisor of the Spanish club,

"The holiday occurs because of the syncretism between the indigenous Aztec traditions and Spanish Catholic traditions."

With the arrival of the Spaniards in central Mexico in the 16th century, this ritual of honoring the dead, which was practiced by the Aztecs starting some 3000 years ago, was suppressed because it was viewed as sacrilegious. However, the tradition did not disappear. Instead, it spread throughout Mexico and merged with some elements of Catholicism. The holiday, which was originally celebrated in the summer, was even moved to Nov. 1 and 2 to coincide with All Saints Days and All Souls Day.

The tradition is centered around the belief that on Oct. 31 at midnight, the gates of heaven are opened and the spirits of all deceased children, called "angelitos," are allowed to reunite with their families for 24 hours. Then, on Nov. 2, the spirits of the adults can come down to enjoy the festivities that their loved ones have prepared for them. This stems from the belief that happy spirits will provide protection,

good luck, and wisdom to their families.

"In Mexico, the students would pull pranks on the University President on this day," chuckled Van Olphen. Instead, the Spanish club decided to commemorate Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa, a pair of Mexican revolutionaries that fought for social justice. The members set up an "ofrenda," an altar with many items that were used to honor the spirits of these two men.

According to Van Olphen, "Families prepare an ofrenda with the favorite foods, items, and memorabilia of the deceased. They also use marigolds to make a cross and light candles, too. The soul of the deceased sees the light and is guided toward the altar."

Building altars is a way to keep the family close, and it gives them a chance to reminisce on their loved ones.

Club members also served hot chocolate and bread, which represents a meal that would be served at the night time celebration in Mexico. This

celebration would occur at the burial site of the deceased and features mariachi bands and card playing.

The students and staff were very appreciative of and impressed by this effort made by the Spanish club. Quite a number of people stopped by the table to sample the food and see the display.

"I have heard of this holiday before, but I never really knew what it was about, or how they celebrated it. I am happy that the Spanish club put up this display because I got a chance to learn more about Mexican culture, not to mention the hot chocolate which was delicious," said Ashley Raghuo, a sophomore criminal justice major.

The educational event was a major success. The Spanish club did an amazing job showcasing the unique holiday to the diverse cultural community that is present at Saint Leo. Their efforts may have even inspired some students to reach out to those loved ones who are gone but not forgotten.



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Editorial

What’s So “Pro” About Console Upgrading?

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New console generations have been an integral component of console gaming, lasting from five to as long as ten years with the seventh generation: the era of the Xbox 360, the PlayStation 3, and the Nintendo Wii. However, the present-day eighth generation has been an interesting yet confusing time to be a console gamer. With the obscurity of the Nintendo Wii U, the beginning controversy of the Xbox One, and the booming popularity of the PlayStation 4, it has undoubtedly been one of the most bizarre timespans in video game history. In the last year, though, it has become even stranger.

In said last year, video game corporations Sony and Microsoft have announced upgrades to their current generation consoles—the PlayStation 4 Pro and Project Scorpio (which is a tentative title). While it isn’t uncommon for video game companies to re-release consoles—usually as smaller, more compact versions typically referred to as “slim models”—this is a different case than many of the past. The new PlayStation 4 Pro and Project Scorpio have different technical specs and more powerful hardware than their original brethren, but are not however meant to be entirely new consoles. While gaming PCs are commonly upgraded periodically to work with the latest and greatest games, should the same be done for consoles?

It’s no secret that people feel comfortable having the latest and greatest technology—shown in how quick people are to upgrade their smartphones and other devices when possible and affordable. But what is it worth for video game consoles? After all, consoles are by no means a cheap luxury. With the PlayStation 4 Pro aiming to cost \$400, Project Scorpio’s price point remains unknown as we await its release in late 2017, though the current main Xbox One model currently ranges around \$349.99 MSRP. This doesn’t even account for buying the games to play on the console, which already tend to cost around \$60 each as well as buying additional controllers and accessories to further increase the total investment. Usually, however, this doesn’t tend to be an issue with most consumers because they’re given the idea that video game consoles will last them a number of years before moving onto the next generation with no maintenance necessary that comes with harboring a gaming PC.

But with the PlayStation 4 Pro and Project Scorpio acting as mid-generation improvements rather than an entirely new console like a “PlayStation 5,” it begs the question if users who already own their older variants of whether or not upgrading is worth dropping the cash. According to Polygon, though Sony has announced a transfer process between consoles, this still requires

having both consoles present while the consumer receives no sort of discount for upgrading. The only option of receiving any reimbursement is selling the older console afterwards. Project Scorpio however has no sort of transfer process currently announced.

However, with Project Scorpio, Microsoft has already begun talking about its potential and capabilities. Among them was Scorpio’s upgrade of having “6 teraflops of computing power,” which in simpler terms means that it processes much faster than the Xbox One’s original power of 1.32 teraflops. This makes Scorpio a more significant upgrade, along with the fact that Microsoft promises 4K resolution gaming and utilization of virtual reality headsets. Yet despite being such a significant improvement, Microsoft promises gamers that no one will be left behind.

“Will there be a range that developers will take advantage of in Scorpio? Absolutely, but again, that’s going to be a developer choice,” said Xbox Services General Manager Dave McCarthy, according to Windows Central. “But, on our devices, all of your games are going to work. Period,” continued McCarthy.

The upgrade itself seems appealing, but at the same time it’s hard for early adopters of the Xbox One in 2013 to not feel betrayed, especially at the initial price of \$499.99 USD.

Meanwhile, the PlayStation 4 Pro is an odd situation. Going back to the “teraflops” argument, the original PlayStation 4 was the stronger system at 1.84 teraflops compared to the Xbox One’s 1.32, while the PlayStation 4 Pro tries to boast an increase of 4.14 teraflops. Though the PlayStation 4 Pro is to arrive earlier than the Scorpio, by the end of this year, it is notably weaker than its upgraded competitor.

Sony even continues to boast that its 4K gaming capabilities, something gaming PCs have been able to do for some time, yet this isn’t entirely true. According to VentureBeat, not many games will run in true 4K resolution on the PlayStation 4 Pro and even less will be able to run games at a smooth 60 frames per second, a technical phrase that has come to be a huge buzzword for hardcore gamers. Yet despite all of this, Sony also promises with Microsoft that all PlayStation 4 games will run on both the original and the new Pro systems.

However, if all of these facts are actually true, is buying another box to take over the living room really worth it? For those who have yet to purchase a PlayStation 4 or an Xbox One, it’s much less of an issue. Yet it seems almost punishing to early adopters when over 40 million consumers worldwide have already purchased a PlayStation 4. With consoles becoming similar to gaming PCs while still being weaker in power, it has never been a more appealing time for gamers to make the switch and invest in computers powerful enough to render more crisp graphics and run far more smoother and faster.

Continued online.

Here’s what you missed online this week at www.prideonlinedot.wordpress.com

Hillary Clinton Hits Dade City

Hillary Clinton held a rally in Dade City last week and was planning to hold the rally at Saint Leo. To find out more information go online.

Election Poll

The Polling Institute gathered opinions on the proposed amendments to the Florida State Constitution. To find out how Florida voters are planning to vote, read online.

Sundae with Senators!

On Nov. 1, students voiced their opinions and chowed down on ice cream at the Student Government’s “Sundae with Senators” event.

The Stories Behind the Culture

As part of Native American Week, students were invited to learn the stories behind several Native American artifacts at the event hosted on Nov. 2.

Breaking Bridges

On Oct. 26, the annual Bridge Breaking event became a smash hit to a new round of students and volunteers. To find out which hand-made bridges stood up to the test and passed inspection, read the full article online.

Going Greek

On Oct. 14, the monthly Food for Thought outing had students saying Opa! To find out what tasty dishes students sampled at the Acropolis Greek Tavern, go online and check out the full story.

Saint Leo Makes a Difference

On Oct. 22, students and faculty were feeling the love at the annual Make a Difference Day event. The total of plastic caps collected at “Caps of Love” and what it means for the University and community is online.

Bastille’s Wild World

“Wild World” is the second album released by Bastille. “Wild World” features audio variety and combined power vocals that reinforce Bastille’s relatable lyrics, adding a new flare to the band’s unique sound.

Baby Born Twice

A baby was born twice in an effort to remove a tumor from the mother’s womb. To find out what happened exactly, head online.

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Smith Trial Concludes with Two Declared Guilty

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The verdict is in: Alicia Stumbo and Beau Franklin are guilty. The trial concerning the death of Saint Leo University's own Dr. Penny Smith took place on Nov. 5. Additional suspects Sean Betz and Kirsta Tuttle were offered plea deals that offered them immunity from the prosecution team in exchange for testimonies that proved they were simply victims of hazing.

The suspects, Betz, Stumbo, and Franklin, who had each been charged with battery, trespassing, criminal mischief, and—following Dr. Smith's death—manslaughter, were presented before a jury of about 15 members. This group of Saint Leo men and women were sworn under oath by Judge Ann Robbins.

Following opening statements from both the prosecution and the defense, questioning of the prosecution's witnesses began. Witnesses included Dr. Ron Perry, chair of sociology at the University and Ian Snyder, resident DNA expert.

The prosecution's questioning heated up when Michael Freedman, one of the three originally believed to have committed the crime, was called to the stand. When asked if he had been part of any academic misconduct in the past, Freedman answered by stating that he, Stumbo, and Jackson were involved in a cheating scandal, and confirmed that the professor of the class in which the three cheated was taught by none other than Dr. Smith.

Jackson was subsequently brought up to the stand. Jackson claimed that hazing did not exist in the fraternity; a bold claim as he was president. Jackson eventually would admit to the hazing, stating that the original plan was to simply have Betz and Franklin steal the test results and leave without a trace. Being close to Stumbo, Jackson revealed that she, because of her discovery in the cheating scandal, held a grudge against Dr. Smith. Furthermore, Jackson claimed that the idea of sending pledges out to steal a test from Dr. Smith's office was Stumbo's idea.

Kirsta Tuttle, a pledge under the sorority Sigma Omega Delta, was then brought to the stand per her involvement as the getaway driver for Betz and Franklin. Tuttle claimed to have been a previous victim of hazing



The prosecution team was instrumental in the final verdict of this trial.

within Sigma Omega Delta. Tuttle testified that she had caught a glimpse of who she believed to be Stumbo hiding in a bush near Saint Edward Hall, just as she had left the scene early due to Campus Security arriving. Tuttle also noticed a strange marking on Stumbo's neck the following day.

Betz was brought up for questioning by the prosecution, testifying against his fraternity brothers and Stumbo due to previously being hazed. This, coupled with Jackson's testimonies, proved that hazing did, in fact, exist within Beta Omega Rho. Betz also claimed that he had no knowledge of Dr. Smith—he never even met her before—and admitted that he felt both "sorry" and "terrible" for what had happened.

Immediately after this, Franklin, who was scheduled to be interviewed by the defense, was revealed to have been in an unfortunate car accident on his way to the trial and could not arrive; a transcript of a previous examination by the defense was read in his place.

Stumbo was then brought to the stand and questioned by both sides, ultimately claiming the incident as a conspiracy masterminded by Freedman and Tuttle, whom Stumbo believed to be having a romantic relationship with. Stumbo, president of the sorority Sigma Omega Delta, claimed to have been at the movies with Jackson and Freedman on the night of Sept. 27. Claiming to have arrived at the movies late, Stumbo used a trip to a convenience store as her alibi; she wished to improve her appearance for her boyfriend, Jackson—she purchased tweezers to touch up her eyebrows and baking soda to whiten her teeth. As such, Stumbo denied that she was present at Dr. Smith's office and therefore had no involvement in placing the wasp nest inside.

Stumbo also claimed that the marking on her neck that Tuttle had supposedly seen was most likely a hickey, as she and Jackson had been "making out at the movie, as most couples do."

Jackson was again brought up to the stand, claiming that, despite confirming Stumbo's alibi of being at the movies, he and Stumbo were not making out during the movie; instead, she had asked him to help with what she believed to be a "splinter in her neck." He also claimed that Stumbo did not arrive until at least 45 minutes into the film, with the film starting at 9:10 p.m.

With both the defense and prosecution at rest, closing statements were given, and the jury was sent to deliberate. The jury deliberated for a full hour before returning to the court room and revealing their verdicts. It was at this point that the trial had officially ended; Franklin was found guilty of

the crimes of trespassing and criminal mischief, and Stumbo was found guilty of the crimes of manslaughter and culpable negligence.

Following the conclusion of the trial, Stumbo, when asked about her opinions concerning the trial, said "I did not commit this heinous crime. It feels awful to know that my friends, peers, and even my boyfriend were convinced that I had. I do not feel that justice has truly been served, and I hope that the jury comes to regret wrongly convicting an innocent woman."

Saint Leo University respects the verdict of Saturday's trial and thanks the jury for its service.

"The University community continues to mourn the loss of Dr. Penny Smith and we are keeping her family, friends, and students in our thoughts and prayers," said Denny Moller, vice president of Advancement and Communications.



National

Smartphones Banned from Airplanes

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As students prepare to head home for Thanksgiving, Samsung Galaxy Note 7 has been banned from American air transportation.

On Oct. 14, The Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that these smartphones are not allowed to be on airlines due to the high risk they pose. DOT will not allow passengers to travel with the phone “on their person, or in carry-on baggage, or in checked baggage on flights to, from, or within the United States.” Anyone trying to travel with the device will be denied boarding and anyone attempting to sneak the device on the plane, “may be subject to criminal prosecution in addition to fines,” according to the DOT.

In fact, after several reported incidents of overheating and burning devices worldwide, Samsung announced a voluntary recall and exchange program on Galaxy Note 7 smartphones sold in the U.S. before Sept. 15, 2016. The program has been launched in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

When Samsung released its newest device in the U.S. and Australia on Aug. 19, probably, nobody from the company had expected the problems that might occur after the first customers started using the smartphones. Exactly two weeks later, the South Korean multinational tech giant had to recall all the devices.

Not only were the phones overheating, but some of the devices exploded or caught fire, causing fires and injuries to the users.

Some customers sued the company for damages caused by the devices. One of the first people to sue the company is a Florida resident.

Jonathan Strobel, of Boca Raton, sued the company because the device exploded in his pocket burning his right leg and a thumb while he was trying to remove the smartphone from his pants.

The Washington Post reports

after 35 reported incidents of the devices exploding during or after charging, Samsung decided to recall the devices and the company stated that the phone has “failure rate of about 24 per every million;” however, cnet.com reports that this number quadrupled after the recall announcement was made.

On Sept. 2 Samsung announced that the customers who already purchased the device should stop using them immediately. At that time, the company also launched the recall program.

However, despite the safety issues, many users decided to continue using the devices after Samsung’s statement regarding the phone was announced. Based on the data acquired by Aptelligent, a mobile analytics firm, about 87 percent of the devices were still in use, as late as 12 days after the announcement. Even though the data was collected after multiple airlines had decided to ban using the devices on board, and Samsung itself warned the users that continuing to use the smartphones was dangerous, but the customers did not seem to listen to the notices.

Because the overheating problem is strictly associated with the phones’ battery, Samsung decided to release a software update that would prevent the phones to be charged no more than 60 percent. The purpose of this update was to minimize the risk of catching fire while the devices are charged.

Nevertheless, Samsung Galaxy Note 7 is not the first device that has experienced this kind of issues with batteries. Last year, Hoverboards had some issues with their batteries with there being several incidents where these devices caught fire, and as a result Hoverboards had been banned from Saint Leo campus. However, Campus Security has confirmed that these smartphones have not been banned as of yet.

Fortunately, Samsung made steps to resolve the issue immediately, and the customers who have the inconvenience of returning their phone do not have to worry about losing any money. In fact, everybody who returns the

device receives a \$25 gift card as a recompense, according to cnet.com. Also, the customers have a choice of replacing the phone with another Galaxy Note 7, or they can get Galaxy S7 or Galaxy S7 Edge. In case the customer decides to use the second option, the company will return the price difference.

The customers might also just receive a refund if they decide not to use any of the options. Customers who have been affected by the issue might be concerned about their safety while using other devices produced by Samsung; but they are assuring customers the issue is associated with Galaxy Note 7 only.

The impact the situation had on the company is gigantic. In about two days, right after announcing the recall program and stopping the sale of the smartphones, Samsung lost nearly \$22 billion. The company had to recall about 2.5 million devices, according to Bloomberg.com.

Besides money, one of the biggest losses the company experienced is in its reputation. It is possible for an organization of this size to recover from losing even billions of dollars. However, in recovering the reputation that has been lost might be a much more difficult challenge to accomplish, according to Forbes.com.

The fact that, in the meantime, the company’s most significant competitor released their newest product, Apple iPhone 7 Plus, just made the situation worse.

The company announced that the Galaxy Note 7 will be back on sale when the recall program is completed so that all the users who were affected and had to return their phones will receive a replacement as soon as possible. As for now, it is still unknown when it is going to happen, and how long all of those people who would like to buy the smartphone will have to wait.

The company’s executives in Korea, as well as in the United States, apologized for any inconvenience.

“With battery cell defects in some of our Note 7 phones, we did not meet the standard of excellence that you expect and deserve. For that, we apologize, especially to those of you who were personally affected by this,” said Tim Baxter, the president of Samsung Electronics America, according to cnbc.com.

Although the Samsung’s problematic situation seems to be resolved now and people are aware that the smartphones are hazardous, the issue that the company encountered with the battery cells proved that the newest technology might be as dangerous as it is useful.

Battery Safety

According to the information revealed by Samsung, the company conducted an investigation and found that the phones have a battery cell issue. The modern smartphones use lithium-ion batteries as their source of power. The batteries consist of lithium-ion cells which include multiple layers, where each of them includes a positive and negative electrode which are separated by an insulator.

According to a chemical engineer at University College London, Donal Finegan, who was interviewed by Forbes.com, whenever the materials inside a cell are moved around, the insulating layer that separates the positive and negative electrodes can tear. When that happens, it causes a short circuit that might create a spark.

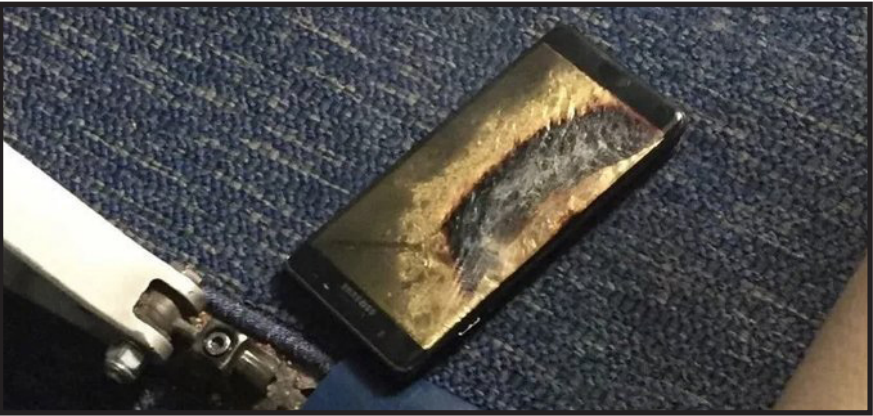
Because the lithium cells are carried by electrolyte solution, which is a highly flammable liquid, even the smaller spark might cause a thermal reaction that might lead to an explosion. Even though using lithium-ion batteries can be dangerous, they still continue to be used so due to their high performance.

Finegan indicated that battery failures are very rare, so most of the time users do not have to be concerned about their safety. However, it is important to know there is a possibility, and the more powerful the batteries are, the denser the material they are made of, which increases the probability of battery failures.

Battery overheating might also be caused by simply leaving a phone in a hot environment. Sunny Florida days do not help, especially when phones are left in cars, where the temperature rises quickly. In fact, it has been reported that the Galaxy Note 7 caused fires in cars in Florida, according to foxnews.com.

Charging a battery is not a fully safe procedure itself. Even though the smartphones are equipped with software that tells the chip inside a phone to stop charging the battery when it is fully loaded, if the security system fails, it is possible that the battery will start to overcharge.

In such situation, the current still flows into the battery even though it is full which can make it very unstable. If it happens, the probability that the battery overheats significantly increases, and it is possible that it will soon be caught on fire.



Along with its smartphones exploding, Samsung also recalled “about 2.8 million top-load washers after receiving hundreds of reports of machines vibrating excessively — in some cases, so much that the lids became detached,” according to npr.org.

National

The EpiPen Pricing Scandal

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Andrew Specht was only 7 years old when he found out that he was deathly allergic to bee stings. He was playing in the back yard of the parent’s home, climbing trees and just simply enjoying life. As he was climbing his favorite tree, Andrew felt a strange pain in his hand. When he looked, he saw two bees near his hand. He climbed down the tree, and as he walked back home to tell his mother, he began feel to dizzy and his breathing was irregular. The small bump on his hand had swollen and expanded to his entire palm. He continued walking to the house until he finally collapsed. His mother saw him struggling and as soon as he fell she called the neighbor, who was an EMT. The man raced over, discovered he had been stung by bees and injected young Andrew with an epinephrine needle. Specht, who now is an English major at Saint Leo, has been using an EpiPen ever since.

EpiPen is an injection containing epinephrine, a chemical that narrows blood vessels and opens airways in the lungs. These effects can reverse severe low blood pressure, wheezing, severe skin itching, hives, and other symptoms of anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is the medical term for an allergic reaction. EpiPens are used to treat anything from insect stings or bites, foods, to drugs. Epinephrine is also used to treat exercise-induced anaphylaxis such as an asthma attack. Usually, people with these severe allergies carry the EpiPen on them at all times and inject it into the muscle of the outer thigh if needed.

Through the years, there have been great medical advancements and inventions that changed the course of history, such as penicillin and vaccinations. However, another great invention is the EpiPen. The availability of the EpiPen, or epinephrine auto-injectors, has saved countless lives since it was approved by the FDA in 1987, according to Business Insider. However, the price of the once affordable pen has skyrocketed recently.

This life-saving medical tool, which was once used for military purposes, is a part of many people’s lives and was acquired by Mylan, a pharmaceutical company in 2007. EpiPen is an effective and simple way to save people from anaphylactic shock. However, over the years, the ability to afford it has become

a huge problem. According to Business Insider, since 2007 Mylan has upped the price of a two-pack of EpiPens from \$93.88 to \$608.61, which is more than a 500 percent price increase. This resulted in an immediate outcry in the EpiPen community.

The CEO of Mylan, Heather Bresch, is believed by some to be the mastermind behind this extreme price escalating. Bresch, the daughter of Democratic U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, started working as a clerk in a factory owned by Mylan - a job her father found for her - in 1992, reported fortune.com. Currents reports, by money.cnn.com show that Mylan went from a yearly revenue of about \$10 million to a huge rise this year pushing \$25 million.

David Maris, a Wells Fargo analyst, calculated the earnings and prices of Mylan and its EpiPen division. Business has undeniably been more than good for Mylan and Bresch, thanks mostly to the ever growing lucrativeness of the EpiPen. Ever since Mylan started raising the prices, the profit margin of the Mylan division that sells the drug has quadrupled, according to Maris and Wells Fargo’s findings.

“The company doesn’t understand the very emotional, very stressful situation parents are going through this back-to-school season,” said Maris, according to money.cnn.com. “No one’s expecting Mylan to give away their products. But empathy is the most human emotion. And when you raise price year after year, by a lot, for a drug that’s lifesaving, it shows a complete lack of empathy.”

He is referring to parents who need to buy EpiPens for their children who have extremely bad allergies. The increasing price is making it difficult for these families to afford the EpiPen. Maris calls out Bresch and Mylan Pharmaceuticals for being inhumane, as money.cnn.com reports. Including Maris, many people believe that is rather insensitive to raise the price astronomically for a medical tool saves lives for both children and adults.

Many people are outraged including Andrew Specht, a senior, who has been using his pen since his first allergic reaction to bees since he was seven. In fact, some people wonder how the company can make a decision when they are aware that many people are in need of this life-saving drug but cannot afford it. This decision demonstrates the extent some companies are willing to reach to increase revenue.

“I don’t think it’s criminal but certainly unethical, and it’s kind of a problem whenever we have a monopoly and it’s



Bresch is shown in the senate hearing. Also, Mylan claimed in trial that the increase in prices was merely a “Classification Issue” stating that the price increase came about because the drug was “accidentally” labeled as a generic drug rather than a prescription drug.

unregulated,” said Dr. Ricky Scott, an assistant professor in the Department of Accounting, Economics, and Finance. “Certainly the company took advantage of the complexities in our medical system . . . This is an example where our system failed that they were allowed to increase the price so much and the people had no other option. . . . Maybe we should have a law or better regulation to prevent this sort of thing from happening again.”

However, there are others who claim that Bresch is simply doing business. The increase of the price resulted in her company’s internal revenue doubling, according to money.cnn.com. From a business standpoint, this is a huge success.

“I am running a business. I am a for-profit business. I am not hiding from that,” said Bresch when asked by the New York Times about the huge rise in EpiPen prices. Increasing profit for Mylan is, in fact, Bresch’s job and is a reason she was promoted to CEO in 2012. To most wolves on Wall Street or business savvy individuals, the huge price increase is a smart move; however, to almost everyone else, it is ridiculous for the astronomical increase in price of the product.

To start solving this problem, the Senate called a hearing with Bresch. In this meeting, there were many questions asked but not as many answered. For example, Bresch stated that the company invested “\$1 billion over this 8 years to provide access” to the product; however, she failed to answer how much the company made in those 8 years by stating that she does not have the cumulative number. Also, when asked the reason as to why the prices were so shockingly high she didn’t back down from the price. She blamed the “complexity” of the health-care system for making it appear like Mylan reaps huge profits on EpiPen.

“I truly believe the story got ahead of the facts,” she said, commenting that Mylan makes a profit of only \$100 per two-pack.

However, in weeks prior to the hearing, Mylan instituted discounts. They

began a discount method known as the savings card, which can cover up to \$300, according to The Washington Post. However, these cards are not available to everyone, including those who are on government health programs, such as Medicaid. In addition to the saving card, Mylan announced about a week following the saving cards release that “its U.S. subsidiary will launch the first generic to EpiPen Auto-Injector . . . at a list price of \$300 per generic EpiPen two-pack carton.”

Also, following the hearing, Senators and federal health personnel alleged that Mylan incorrectly classified EpiPen as a generic product even though it should be classified as a brand product. According to The Wall Street Journal, this wrong classification allowed the company “to pay smaller rebate on EpiPen sales to Medicaid programs, underpaying over five years by millions of dollars what is owed to the health program for the poor.” As a result, Mylan reached a settlement of \$465 million with the Department of Justice as reported by The Wall Street Journal.

“The fact that they only have to pay this much makes me feel like they got off easy,” said Specht. “They have easily made more than \$465 million; I say they should pay way more than that.”

Many people, such as senators, are looking for ways to create alternative to buying the pricey EpiPen, thus destroying the monopoly that Mylan has in the industry. For example, Senators John McCain(R) and Amy Klobuchar(D) are working together for this cause.

“One of the bills I have with John McCain, which we’re trying to push through, would be to allow competitive prices, competitive products, reimportation of products from Canada,” said Klobuchar to PBS on Aug. 25 regarding EpiPen.

“I honestly agree with this. I think it is a good idea to create competition for Mylan, and make more medicines affordable,” said Specht. “I am glad to see that this is the wakeup call we all needed. But I am sad that it took us this long to see what is wrong with the American drug system.”

Veteran’s Day

Friday, November 11 is Veteran’s Day this year. Be sure to honor those who have bravely served the U.S. with all their might. The Lions’ Pride Newspaper is proud to be a part of a community that commemorates these individuals.

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American Idiot to American Classic

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On Oct. 7, Green Day released "Revolution Radio," their twelfth studio album. The album's message is about the current state of America and how it is becoming more disoriented as time goes by. Each song on this album plays an important role in expressing the band's current views.

The opening track is called "Somewhere Now," it is inspired by The Who with the acoustic interludes and dreamy lyrics. The song touches on lead singer, Billie Joe Armstrong's post-rehab struggles in the lyrics, "how did a life on the wild side ever get so dull?" The drumming in this song is the best on the entire album, a credit to the band's drummer, Tre Cool. Armstrong talks about America's current state by saying, "all we want is money and guns, a new catastrophe," since this album is about rebelling. This song has a powerful message that is portrayed in the rest of the album as well.

The second song (and definitely most controversial) is titled "Bang Bang," which goes through the mind of a mass shooter. This song sounds like the Green Day that listeners have grown up with over the years, but is definitely risky in its approach. With the uneasy introduction of the song being news clips of the shooter, the song easily evokes uneasiness in the listener. The song shows that the media makes these people feel as if they are famous with the lines, "I wanna be a celebrity martyr, the leading man in my own private drama." The rebellious guitar gives the listener an anxious feeling, which makes this song the most memorable on the album, giving the listener that message of how the media 'glorifies' these people.

The third song and the title track was envisioned while Armstrong walked through a Black Lives Matter protest. The rebellious nature of the lead guitar and the drums make it feel like listeners are the ones rebelling with lyrics, "We will be seen but not be heard. We are the songs of the disturbed. We are revolution radio." With this song following "Bang, Bang" it is easy to see the message being sent throughout the album.

"Say Goodbye," is easily the most timely song on this album, where it talks about police brutality without exclusively mentioning it. The song's second chorus repeats the lyrics, "Say hello to the cops on patrol" and the song ends with, "Say goodbye to the ones that we love". The song also takes a jab at the water situation in Flint, Michigan with the line, "Teach your children well from the bottom of the well," showing that the band is not afraid to talk about specific issues. Armstrong has said that, "You can't educate people if they're that

desperate." The way the lyrics are sang, almost as if they were on a megaphone, makes it feel as if you are protesting all the wrongdoings that are happening in today's world.

Song number five is a remembrance of Green Day's past called "Outlaws." This song is seen to the band as a sequel to "Christie Road," a song they wrote in 1992. The song slows down after the hectic first few tracks and is reminiscent to fans of Green Day's punk-rock era. They even throw in a subtle hint of Armstrong's alter ego, "Saint Jimmy" from "American Idiot" when they mention that "we destroyed suburbia." They make it a point to mention that even though they have become more mainstream since they first appeared on the scene that "we are outlaws of forever." The song's slower guitar and easiness of the drums make it simply a touching piece to the album.

"Bouncing Off The Walls," their sixth song on the album, is definitely the song that people will play when they just feel like rocking out. The song encompasses just wanting to live life without being told how to. The upbeat feeling that the guitar chords give during the chorus embodies the meaning behind the song. "Cause it's all that I want and it's all that I need...chasing fireflies and zeroes" really captures just having fun with whatever the listener wants to do with their life and gives them their own "concrete dream."

The seventh song is titled "Still Breathing" is definitely the most pop song on the album, or potentially that they have released to date. The song is about Armstrong's newfound sobriety after a 2012 incident at IHeartRadio's Music Festival which caused him to check into rehab. This song was actually released on the four year anniversary of the incident,

even though Armstrong does not comment if the song is about himself, he remains ambiguous about it. The chorus is a heavy anthem with lyrics such as, "Cause I'm still breathing on my own, my head's above the rain and roses, making my way away to you," as well as the explosion from the band after a mellow opening of the track. This song touches a lot of people as it can be seen as a wind of change being blown, which makes this song more impactful to this album.

"Youngblood" is a song dedicated to Armstrong's wife of twenty-two years. The emotion in this song is evident as he calls his girl his weakness. With a catchy chorus and lyrics such as "Are you stranded, like I'm stranded? Do you want to watch the world fall to pieces? Are you broken like I'm broken?" The song shows Armstrong in a different light than listeners are used to seeing him with this track.

The ninth song is titled "Too Dumb To Die." Just like the last track, this song can be seen as a semi-autobiography of Armstrong's life with lyrics such as, "I was a high school atom bomb going off on the weekends... I'm hanging on a dream that's too dumb to die." This song can easily be described as the most relatable on this album as everyone hangs on to that one dream that seems impossible to obtain. The chord progression in this song sounds like a lost song on their "Dookie" album from 1994.

"Troubled Times" is about how we are living in troubled times. This has an old Green Day feel with the guitar coinciding with the verses and the explosion of guitar and drums for the chorus and the bridge. The band talks about what is the point of having a solution if people are not going to use them with the opening lyrics, "What good is love and peace on earth if it's exclusive?" The lyrics

are not just suitable for the current situation America is in, but anytime there is disorientation in the listener's everyday life.

The eleventh track, "Forever Now," feels like a closure to the album. The song is broken down into three sections, the first being again autobiographical with the opening lyric, "My name is Billie and I'm freaking out." The second section is about not enjoying the situation the country is in with the lyrics, "If this is what you call the good life, I want a better way to die." The final section is a reprise of the first song with almost the entire first verse of that song. The greatest part of this song is when they overlap all three sections of the song.

The finale of the album, "Ordinary World," is from a movie project that Armstrong is a part of. The movie is about a failed rocker that transitioned into a family man, but this song makes perfect sense to end an album as political as this one. With only an acoustic guitar, Armstrong ponders on what life would be like in an ordinary world, instead of a life as fast-paced as a rock star. With lyrics as dreamy as, "baby I don't have much, but what we have is more than enough" it is easy to see how this song draws comparisons to "Time of Your Life (Good Riddance)" off of "American Idiot."

The album takes a lot of risks that Green Day has taken over the years. However, there are some instances that just feel like they are just rewriting songs and makes listeners just jump back to the feeling of the band's classics. There are definitely some songs that will be Green Day greats such as "Bang, Bang" and "Still Breathing." With an album with this much direction, execution of music and lyrics, and the creation of new classic songs, this album deserves four-and-a-half out of five stars.



GreenDay stars in their sentimental third single "Still Breathing" from their new album, "Revolution Radio."

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A Return to Greatness

By **Jonah Robertson**
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Often times when a band releases an album that absolutely tanks, drives fans away, and is widely considered their worst work of all time, it takes excessive effort and quite a lot of time to come back to the spotlight. The exact opposite is true of Avenged Sevenfold, a heavy metal quintet who has been making music since the early 2000s. Their previous release, titled "Hail to the King," left much to be desired, and while it was a decent homage to Thrash Metal, it was nowhere near the level of quality the band had in its previous efforts. However, their newest album, "The Stage," shows that the band have come back with a vengeance.

The album opens up with an eight minute long track, which was also the only single released before the album dropped. The song shows right out of the gate that the band has simultaneously gone back to their older sound, and begun experimenting with some more progressive stylings. The vocals are consistent as ever, as vocalist M. Shadows belts out verses and choruses with aggressive vigor. The drumming, courtesy of Brooks Wackerman, is the best it has been since the passing of the band's original drummer. The guitar work in the song isn't the most complex that the band has ever had, but the two guitarists play off of each other wonderfully, and build the song into the melodic wave of heavy metal that it is.

After the title track comes "Paradigm," which clearly shows that this album has serious progressive influences. The drumming in particular shines, as the first minute of the song is completely driven by various complex beats, with quiet guitar riffs behind them. Shadows' vocals are more muted during the song's verses, but he belts with the best of them on the choruses. He even returns to his use of harsh vocals in a few segments of the song, something that the band has only really toyed with since their 2003 album "Waking the Fallen".

"Sunny Disposition" comes next. The song features brass instruments behind slow riffing, and Shadows singing very muted vocals. The song itself is quite odd, and marks a strange shift in tone from the previous

two songs, which were both faster and heavier. It ends with soft acoustic guitar, coming to a very mellow close.

This soft tone leads into an odd intro, as the next song, "God Damn", has soft guitar picking behind heavily distorted riffs. The song itself is quite heavy, with drumming and riffing equally intense throughout. Shadows' vocals are not at their best in this particular track, with him relying a little too heavily on the more nasal parts of his range, making it one of the less impressive tracks on the album.

"Creating God" is one of the more upbeat tracks on the album, and is one of the best. The drumming drives an otherwise melodic track, with harmonized guitars and Shadows' best attempt at crooning. The vocals even return to the layered harmonies that the band used all the time back in the mid 2000s. The capstone of it all is a fantastic guitar solo in the middle of the song that manages to be both heavy and incredibly mellow at the same time.

"Angels" is the second most melodic song on the album, and also one of the more underwhelming. It is little more than a slightly heavier version of a ballad, and the only redeeming factor being that Shadows' vocals are at some of their most emotional on the album.

The melodic tone of "Angels" leads into "Simulation," which starts off very similarly. Thankfully, the song transitions into a much heavier tone about 40 seconds in, and that portion of the song is substantially better. It continues to alternate between the two tones for the rest of the track, but in a way that works pretty well. The guitar work is fantastic in this particular track, and Shadows' once again shows the emotion in his voice. The track nears the end with chaotic white noise, shrieks, and one of the best solos on the album, making it a memorably heavy portion of the record.

"Higher" is the closest the album comes to the traditional Avenged Sevenfold sounds, focusing on Shadows' yelled vocals, chugging guitars harmonized with soaring finger picking, and pounding drums in the background. The song even uses the same vocal harmonies that the band used to feature prominently before their drummer's passing.

"Roman Sky" is the softest song on the album, but where "Angels" falls short, this song excels. The mellowness shows a softer, more emotional side to the album, and Shadows' vocals aren't nearly as cheesy as they are on the other ballad. On top of this, the song features some mild use of strings, which lend it an almost ethereal sound near the end.

Next up is "Fermi Paradox," which features Shadows' cleanest singing on the album, showing that he can belt like classic heavy metal vocalists if he wants to. The song itself is pretty heavy, though it can't stand up to the chugging in other songs on the album. While one of the less memorable tracks on the album, it isn't that bad.

The album comes to a close with "Exist," which may just be the best song the band has ever released. The track clocks in at almost sixteen minutes, it a monologue from Neil Degrasse Tyson, and feels like it came straight out of a Dream Theater album. Featuring soaring synthesizers, and truly epic composition, "Exist" is a fitting closer to Avenged Sevenfold's most progressive album.

Also worth noting is the fact that this is a concept album of sorts, focusing on artificial intelligence and what the future of the human race might hold. This leads to very focused lyrics throughout the album that are far more philosophical than the band's previous work.

"The Stage" is an exceptional outing, and might just be Avenged Sevenfold's best album, although that is absolutely up for debate. Regardless, any fan of the band, or heavy metal in general, should absolutely give it a listen.

College Days

By **Austin Chiavaroli**

"So many lists"



Sports

Women’s Soccer No. 10 After Winning SSC

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On Oct. 30, the Saint Leo University Women’s Soccer team claimed their second regular season Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Championship in the program’s history (with the first being earned in 2011). With seven victories, one loss, and one tie in the SSC games, the Lions were nearly unstoppable. After being tied for a while with the rival team from the Nova Southeastern University, the Lions were able to beat Nova, ranked number nine, on their home field to take the first spot in the season standings.

Overall, the team had a score of ten wins, three losses, and one tie. With confidence, the women’s team was able to maintain a fast, offensive play which helped them beat Palm Beach Atlantic University. With the win of the regular season, the Lions will host the SSC tournament and is automatically qualified for the semi-final.

“I am happy for the seniors to earn this win and SSC title. It was a great team effort, as well as all season. The girls played hard and we look to the SSC tournament at home this week,” said Head Coach Ged O’Connor.

For the Women’s soccer team, this marks a real comeback season after struggling the previous year from many injuries. In the previous year, the team was only able to win five games, while having five losses in the SSC play. With some anger in their stomachs, the Lions returned stronger and better to their 2016-17 season.

“Overall, after the disappointment of last season, the players first understood the importance of coming into the season in good physical condition. We have a strong cast of leaders within the program and a large number of upperclassman who understand the physical demands of this league. Working hard on a daily basis and still paying attention to the basics of looking after your body and preparing yourself for the upcoming training sessions have been invaluable this year,” said O’Connor.

The coaches’ hard work and dedication paid off with a good recruiting year and eight freshmen joining the squad. The key players were able to stay healthy and, for the most part, without injuries.

The last regular season match on the Lions’ home field also marked senior day for the Lions that contributed multiple years to the program. Rakeisha Sealey, Selena James, Kelsey Bare, Genevieve Gignac, Kristin Nerman, Alejandra Muro, and Arielle Kabangu are the seven seniors that contributed massively to the program over the last four years.

Both Gignac and Kabangu were able to score on senior day with an assist by James and Kabangu. Gignac, who was named the National Soccer Coaches Association of America



Arielle Kabangu was the top scorer for the Women’s Soccer Team.



The team celebrated with the seven seniors on Senior day.

(NSCAA) All-Region second team as a freshman has a total of 25 goals in her four year college career.

Arielle Kabangu has been the most decorated player for the last few years. As a freshman, she was named SSC Player of the year, offensive player of the year, and freshman of the year, while being named an NSCAA All-American and scoring a remarkable 22 goals. In the following years she continued with many weekly SSC Athlete of the week awards, and further honors on Conference, Regional, and National level. As of now, she has a total of 64 goals with a couple of more games left to score.

After winning the regular season conference championship and beating number nine, Nova, the Lions earned a first place ranking in the South region. On top of that, they climbed to a tenth place ranking by the NSCAA.

“We are confident going into every game, however every single team that we play is very good. We have had a good year, we need to make sure that we are not complacent moving forward. We still have goals that we want to achieve that we have still yet to achieve. We still have a long way to go, but we can see the quality and depth within the program and there is a great deal of work that the players do on a daily basis,” said O’Connor.

Well prepared and with a lot of confidence the Lions are looking forward to the conference tournament on their home field. After that the Lions will move on to the Regional games against the best team from the south region that come from five states. These games are all K.O. games, which means that one loss means the out for the season.

“Our goals are to compete to try and win the double, which is

winning the regular season and the tournaments. From there, we will be in a much better position to make the NCAA tournament and ideally host the tournament. From there, it is winning one game at a time which will take us further and further into the national tournament. We don’t want to look more than one game ahead as we understand the importance of winning the game coming up. There is no point in looking to tomorrow if we can take care of today. Ultimately, a national title is a dream for every player, and it is something that we are continuing to strive to work for. We will do our best to get there,” Head Coach Ged O’Connor said about their goals for the post season play.

Saint Leo Mourns Tampa Center Student

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The Saint Leo community lost of one of their own, Clarence H. Johnson, 41, from the Tampa Center; he was killed in a hit and run accident on Oct. 31 in Manatee County. According to Bradenton Herald, while he was “walking eastbound on the westbound lane of State Road 64 East,” Johnson was struck by a vehicle, identified as “a Ford Super Duty pickup truck or van,” and was killed. He was pronounced dead on the scene, reported Fox News. Johnson, of Temple Terrace, graduated from Jesuit High School and graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelors’ degree in history. He was a teacher, administrator, and director at Montessori schools. However, according to his obituary, Johnson took a sabbatical “to

Upcoming Games For the Week of 11/11/16 - 11/18/16

W Basketball

11/11: Vs Lee @ Lakeland, Fla. 2 pm

11/12: Vs Shorter 2 pm

11/16: @ Fla. Southern 5:30 pm

M Basketball

11/12: Vs Ala.-Huntsville @ Florence, Ala. SSC/Gulf South Challenge

11/13: @ North Ala. SSC/Gulf South Challenge

11/16: @ Fla. Southern 7:30 pm

W Volleyball

11/11: @ Lynn 7 pm

11/12: @ Barry 4 pm

11/16: Vs Barry 7 pm

11/18: @ Nova Southeastern 7 pm

W Soccer

11/13: Vs TBA NCAA South Regional – Second Round 1 pm

W Swimming

11/17: @ Florida Tech Invitational 11 am

11/18: @ Florida Tech Invitational 11 am

M Swimming

11/17: @ Florida Tech Invitational 11 am

11/18: @ Florida Tech Invitational 11 am